(b) that almost all the villages in the State are lamentably lacking in proper watering places for cattle ;

(c) that the condition of the cattle in the State is anything but satisfactory, if not really pitiable?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar:— (a) Yes.

(b) The Government are aware that watering places for cattle are not sufficient.

(c) The cattle of the State have to be improved. The matter of improving the livestock of the State has already engaged the attention of the Government.

Facilities—treatment of cattle—Mattancheri.

251. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have even taken a survey of the cattle in Mattancheri ;

(b) what are the facilities provided in treating the sickness of the cattle in Mattancheri ;

(c) what steps are being taken in housing and treating the cattle ?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar:— (a) No.

(b) At present the Veterinary Inspector, Ernakulam, is visiting Mattancheri twice in a week and rendering the necessary veterinary aid.

(c) The question of opening a sub-hospital at Mattancheri was under the consideration of the Government ; but for want of funds the matter had to be postponed. Some people from Mattancheri promised to place a building at the disposal of the Veterinary Inspector, Ernakulam and in this matter I consulted the Hon'ble Member who promised to select a suitable building and write to me. When this building is made available facilities for housing the sick cattle can be provided.

Agriculture and Veterinary Departments— bifurcation of.

252. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Superintendent of Agriculture is an expert in Veterinary Science ;

(b) is there any idea of bifurcating the Agricultural and Veterinary Departments ;

(c) do the Government deem it advisable to organise the Veterinary into a separate department ?

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